

Appendix J



Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge visitor contact station

Example Administrative and Visitor Service Facilities

Introduction

Under alternative B of the Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment (CCP/EA), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is proposing colocating staff and facilities from the Service's Cortland Ecological Services Office and Montezuma NWR. At this time, the location and exact nature of the necessary facilities have not been determined and funding has not been identified. Under alternative B, site selection would be based on the following criteria (if applicable):

- sufficient buildable area
- sufficient wetland buffers
- access or ability to create access to suitable water and sewer
- proximity to a major road
- visibility of Service buildings from road
- site impacts of buildings and parking areas
- view and access to trails, wildlife observation areas, and other visitor resources

The Service has developed standardized designs for administration and visitor facilities. Because the specific site has yet to be identified, specific site plans for facilities at Montezuma NWR have not been developed. Based on current and potential staff needs, we anticipate that the following standardized facility plans could be appropriate (figures J.1-J.4). It is possible that separate visitor and administrative facilities will be chosen (figures J.1-J.4), or that one combined administration and visitor service facility will be chosen (figures J.2 and J.3). These standard designs would likely be modified based on specific building site characteristics and staff needs.

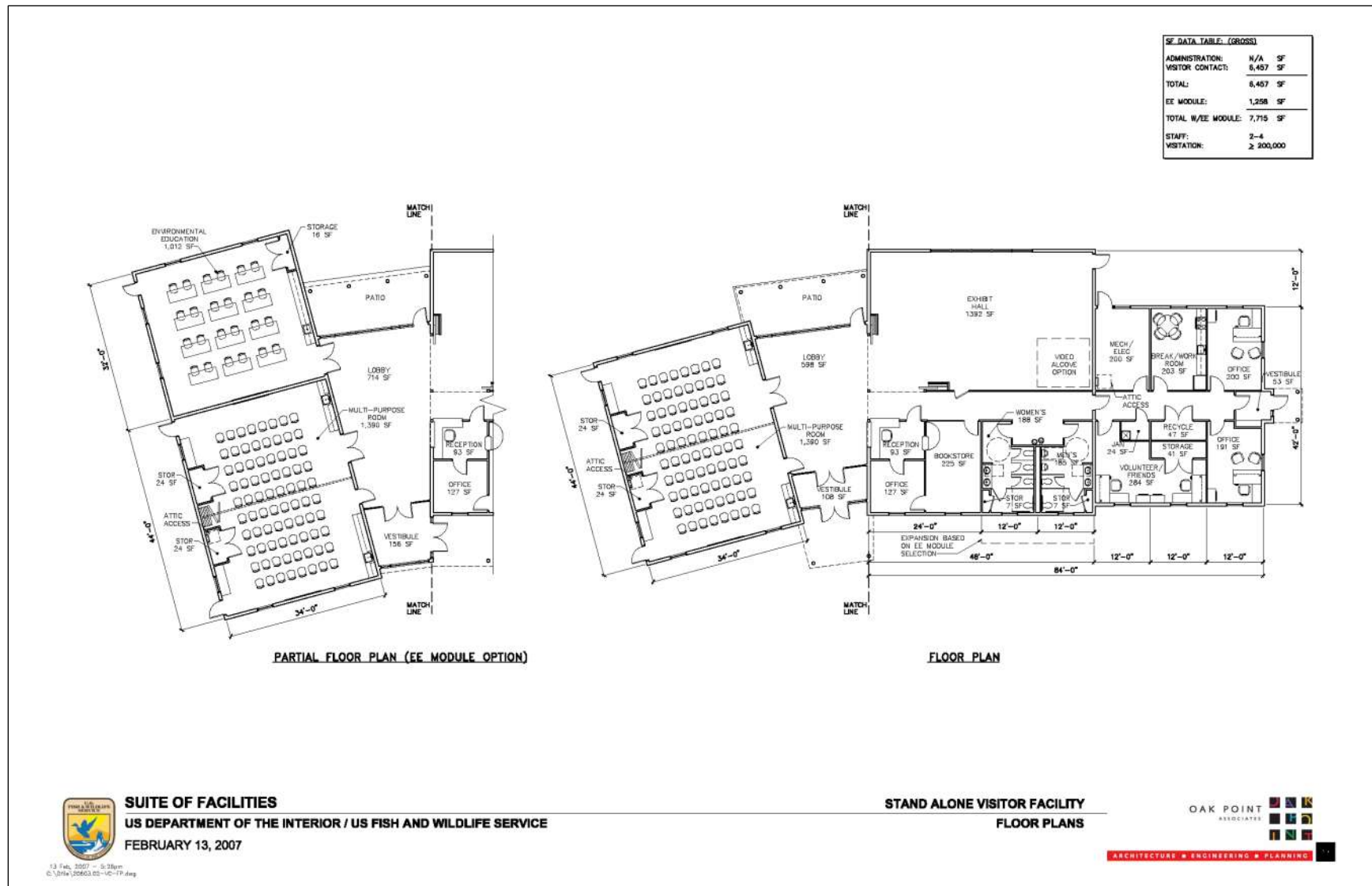


Figure J.1. Standard Design for Separate Visitor Facility with Optional Environmental Education Module. This design could be modified as needed.

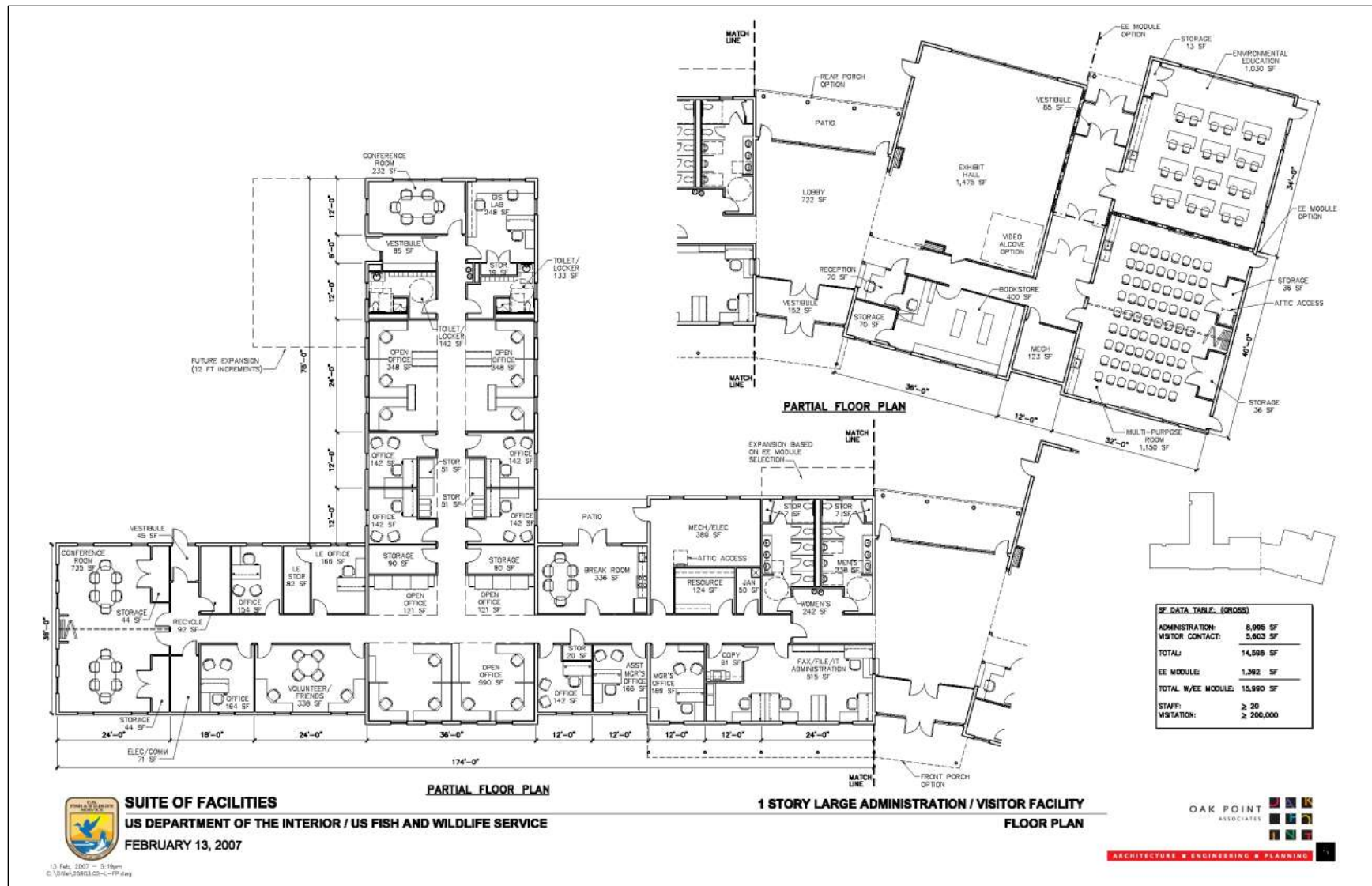


Figure J.2. Standard Design for Large, One-story, Combined Administration and Visitor Facility with Optional Environmental Education Module. Only the administration component could be constructed if separate facilities are chosen.

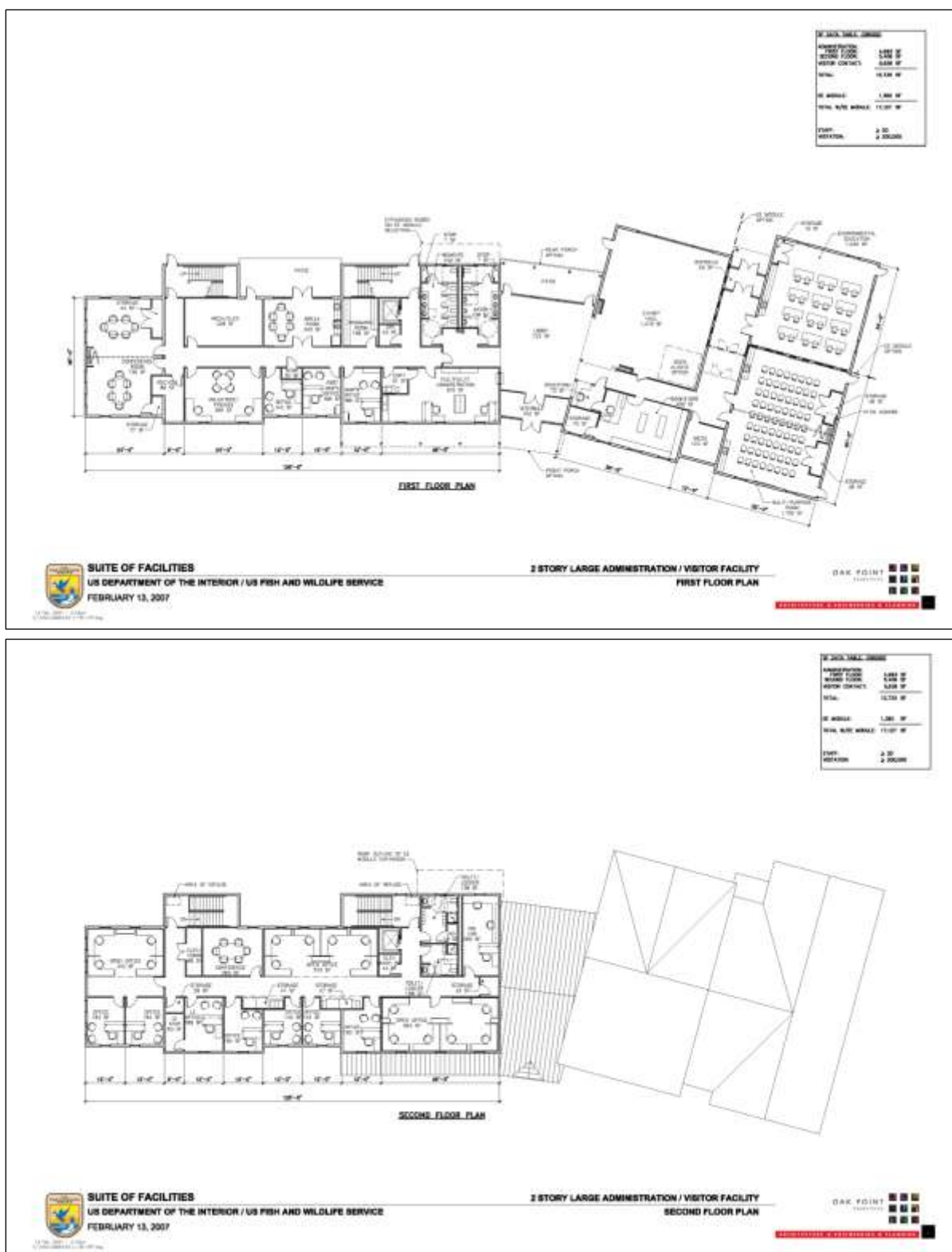


Figure J.3. Standard Design for Large, Two-story, Combined Administration and Visitor Facility with Optional Environmental Education Module. Only the administration component could be constructed if separate facilities are chosen.

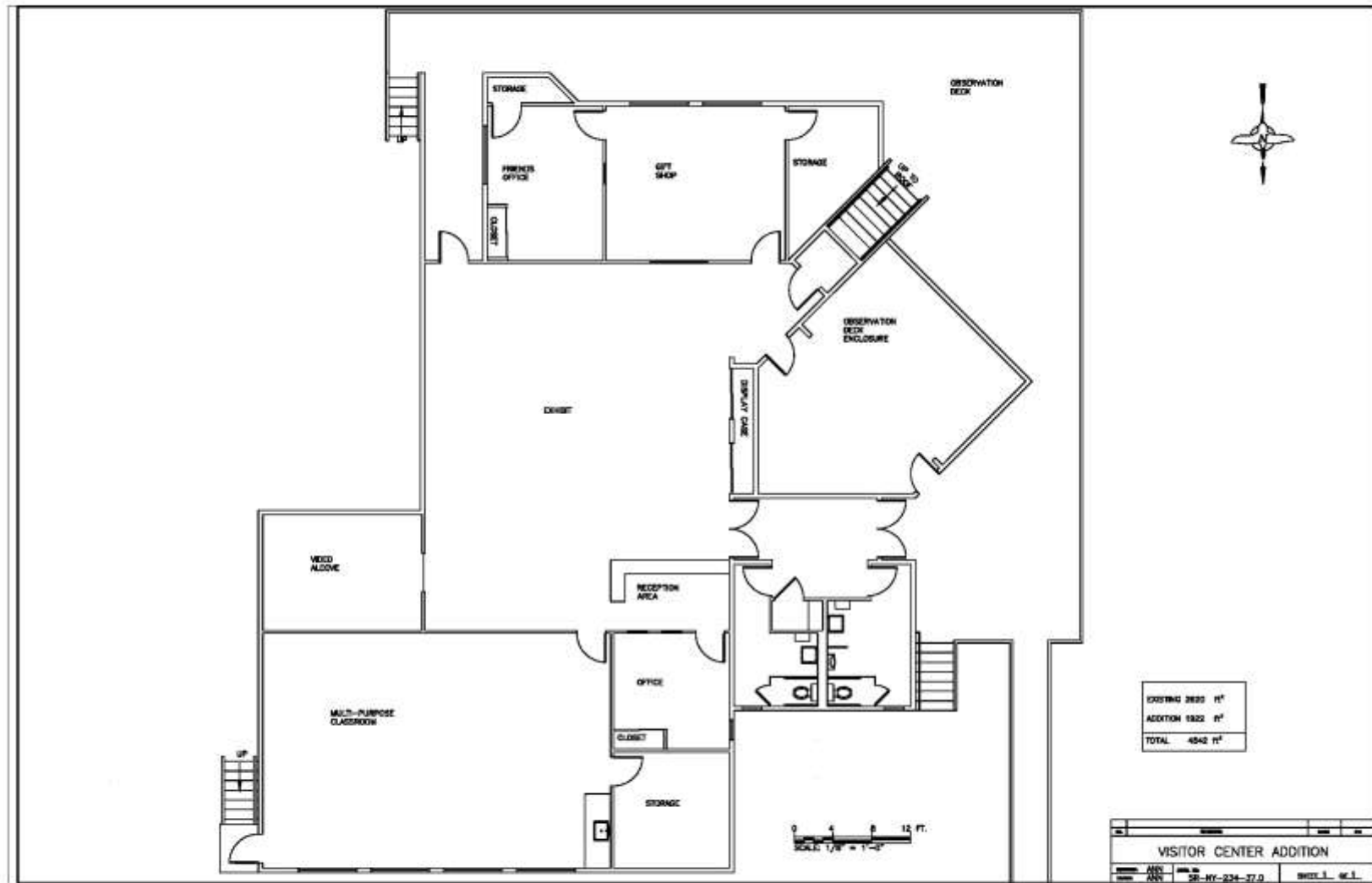


Figure J.4. Conceptual Design for Remodeling Current, Separate Visitor Contact Station and Approximately Doubling the Square Footage of this Facility.

